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TRINIDAD GUARDIAN COMMENTED EDITORIALY ON LAW OF SEA
CONFERENCE IN MARCH 13 EDITION. UNDER HEAD "A
TROUBLOUS SEA VENTURE," PAPER SAID "THE POSITION OF
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND INDEED OF OUR CARICOM NEIGHBORS
IS, IN A WORD OR TWO, THAT THE ADOPTION OF A 200-MILE
LIMIT WOULD IMPOSE SERIOUS HARDSHIPS UPON CARIBBEAN
COUNTRIES" AND "THERE SHOULD BE SOME REGIME, THAT IS,
AMENDMENT OF THE PRINCIPLE POSSIBLE INsofar AS THESE
COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED."

PAPER SAID "IT DOES NOT TAKE MUCH IMAGINATION TO
PERCEIVE THE NUMEROUS INTRACTABLE DIDDICULTIES AND
DIPLOMATIC HASSLES THAT CAN ARISE WITH RESPECT TO THE
CARIBBEAN UNLESS SOME SUCH MODIFICATION OF THE GLOBAL
CONSENSUS IS POSSIBLE."

GUARDIAN WARNED THAT "UNQUALIFIED ADOPTION" OF 200-MILE
LIMIT "COULD EXACERBATE THE BELIZE-GUATEMALA BOUNDARY
DISPUTE AND THE TENSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
CUBA." PAPER CONTINUED THAT "IT IS PERHAPS BECAUSE OF
THESE FACTS THAT CUBA HAS TENDED TO SUPPORT THE STAND
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, WHILE JAMAICA
AND OTHER CARICOM COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN AT SOME PAINS TO
POINT OUT THAT THEY DO NOT DISSENT FROM TRINIDAD'S VIEW,
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TO PUT IT BROADLY."

GUARDIAN CONCLUDED THAT "IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT ADVOCATES
OF THE NEW SEA LIMIT, IF THEY SUCCEED IN ENACTING IT INTO
INTERNATIONAL LAW, WILL NOT IGNORE THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF
THE CARIBBEAN."

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